

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

FEBRUARY 29, 2000

FROM: KEVIN G. THOMAS, Director
Department of Community and Cultural Resources – Museums Division

SUBJECT: **PAYMENT TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
FOUNDATION**

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize Purchasing Agent to process a \$61,800 payment to the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History Foundation for a sharks exhibit displayed at the Main Museum in Redlands between February 12, 2000 and May 14, 2000.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On January 11, 1999, the Department made arrangements with the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History Foundation (LACMNHF) to have the "Sharks! Fact and Fantasy" exhibit displayed at the County's Main Museum in Redlands (Museum). The arrangements required the County to make a \$10,000 initial deposit to the LACMNHF. This was accomplished on January 19, 1999 through Purchase Order J1544. The \$10,000 deposit was to ensure that the exhibit would appear at the Museum in the near future. The museum industry standard for traveling exhibits is to have deposits paid one to two years in advance.

On February 12, 2000, the Sharks exhibit commenced at the Museum. This dynamic exhibit, which is available to the public through May 14, 2000, features the behavioral patterns, habitat and clarification of fact and fiction regarding the shark species. The intriguing displays create a natural surrounding of the interaction of sharks in the ocean as well as related educational information. This particular exhibit has been on tour for ten years and has been displayed at such locations as the Smithsonian Natural History Museum, the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, the Bishop Museum in Honolulu, the Denver Museum of Natural History and the Children's Museum in Indianapolis.

County policy requires departments to seek Board of Supervisors approval when contracting for services with any one vendor in excess of an aggregate amount of \$25,000 per fiscal year. Consequently, the Board's approval of this item is necessary to permit the Purchasing Agent to make this \$61,800 payment. This payment constitutes the remaining amount owed to the LACMNHF in relation to the Sharks exhibit.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item has been coordinated with County Purchasing.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Appropriations for the cost of this Sharks exhibit and its offsetting revenues were included in the Department's FY 1999/00 budget (AAA-CCM-CCM).

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

PRESENTER: Paul Oles. 307-0748

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